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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: E. Gunther Attorney Docket No.: GUNE117293
Application No.: 09/935,557 Group Art Unit: 1631
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Title: METHODS FOR SCREENING AND IDENTIFYING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is in response to the Examiner's action mailed September 22, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Claims 1-25 are subject to an election requirement. In response to the election requirement, applicant elects the species polynucleic acid microarrays for prosecution on the merits, with the understanding that upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Respectfully submitted,

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